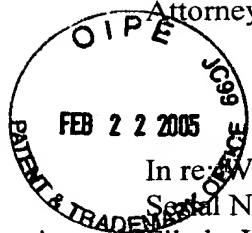


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Welch et al.

Serial No.: 09/889,645

Filed: January 24, 2002

For: TREATING PROTEIN-CONTAINING LIQUIDS

Confirmation No. 8639

Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: Ulrike Winkler

February 22, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
 (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of two (2) months to respond to the Official Action dated September 21, 2004.

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

☒ is filed herewith.

☐ has been filed.

3. Applicant:

☐ Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee For Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee Enclosed **\$450.00**

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- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,



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Registration No. 53,888

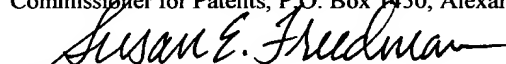
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